

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1. **Title and its heading:** 20, Commerce, Banking, and Insurance
Chapter and its heading: 7, Commerce and Economic Development Commission (*New Chapter*)
Article and its heading: 1, Commerce and Economic Development Commission Fund (*New Article*)
2, SBIR and STTR Awards
Section numbers R20-7-101
R20-7-201
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
In accordance with A.R.S. §§ 41-1505.06, 41-1505.07, and 41-1552 through 41-1552.03, establish rules by which the Commerce and Economic Development Commission shall determine eligibility criteria for financial assistance, define the application process, establish guidelines for evaluating applications and awarding assistance, establish a process for submitting and resolving protests from unsuccessful applicants. These rules will also clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Commerce, Department of Commerce staff, and The Commerce and Economic Development Commission.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published
4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Department will accept written comments until the close of the record, the date of which will be published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The date and time of oral proceedings will be published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
To be determined.